



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley heading was estimated at 26 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was estimated at 10 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 20 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, collard greens, kale greens, kohlrabi, green onions, parsley, and Swiss chard. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, spinach, and Swiss chard. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Stock tanks were generally full and recent precipitation received has aided and sustained forage growth in the Northwestern part of the State. There is about 2 inches of green growth on Lehmann lovegrass, while all native grasses were still dormant in the Southeastern part of the State. All of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 1 to 10 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 19 degrees at Springerville to a high of 98 degrees at Ajo and Yuma. The lowest precipitation reported during the week was 0.01 inches at Nogales, Safford, Sahuarita, and San Simon. The highest precipitation reported was 1.22 inches at Flagstaff. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Nogales was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	26	12	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	10	8	14	14
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	20	10	NA	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	2	NA
Short.....	20	20	26	NA
Adequate.....	60	60	65	NA
Surplus.....	19	19	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	14	14	NA
Short.....	6	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	69	68	71	NA
Surplus.....	12	12	5	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor	2	2	2	3
Fair	33	34	13	20
Good	46	45	42	42
Excellent.....	18	18	39	32
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor	2	2	--	NA
Fair	11	12	14	NA
Good	73	72	45	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	39	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	4	4	9	NA
Good	85	85	31	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	58	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	9	10	14
Poor	11	11	10	19
Fair	24	25	39	38
Good	43	42	37	27
Excellent.....	14	13	4	2

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_03262017.pdf